

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

The present invention as set forth in **amended Claim 1** relates to a substrate, comprising:

a relief;

wherein **said relief consists of a low surface level and a high surface level**,

said low surface level and said high surface level being separated by a height not less than 1/10 of the dimensions of a plurality of motifs forming said high level, and

said high surface level representing 1 to 65% of a surface of the substrate.

In contrast, Azzopardi et al (U.S. 6,299,981, the English equivalent of FR 2, 756,276) use particles of two distinct sizes, thereby achieving **three height levels**: the lowest level being the substrate, a middle level for the smaller objects and high level for the large objects (col. 2, lines 18-25 and Example 1, which uses 7 nm and 45 nm irregularities, col. 4, lines 56-59 and col. 5, lines 6-8). There is no disclosure or suggestion to use two height levels as claimed.

The substrate of the present invention has excellent hydrophobic properties as shown by the angles of advance and retreat shown in the Table at page 11 of the specification. Notably, advancing angles as high as 170 degrees and retreating angles as high as 155 degrees can be achieved. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Azzopardi et al that such excellent hydrophobic properties can be achieved with two height levels.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 1-18 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Azzopardi et al is believed to be unsustainable as the present invention is neither anticipated nor obvious and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The objection to the disclosure is obviated by the amendment of the specification.

The appropriate headlines have been included.

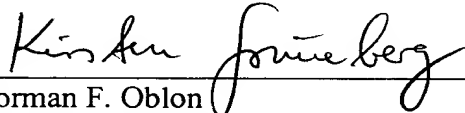
The rejection of Claims 28-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is obviated by the amendment of these Claims.

In regard to non-elected Claims 19-26 and 32-60, Applicants note that should Claim 1 found allowable, these Claims should be allowable as well as they relate to methods of making the substrate of Claim 1 and directly or indirectly depend on Claim 1.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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